

# THE DURANT WEEKLY NEWS

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## GVERNOR MUST BE TRIED FOR BRIBERY DECEMBER 12

### Ada Judge Overrules Demurrer To Indictment After Argument

J. B. A. Robertson, Governor of Oklahoma, must stand trial in District Court at Ada, December 12, on an Oklahoma county grand jury indictment, charging that the Governor accepted a bribe of \$25,000 for allowing a defunct State bank at Okmulgee to remain open.

When the case came up in district court at Ada last week on a change of venue, much interest was manifested in the trial and the all took small court room was packed to its capacity. Attorneys for the State, led by County Attorney Hepburn of Okmulgee county, tried to have the judge appointed, disqualified, but were unsuccessful in this. They also tried to have the change of venue quashed and the case returned to Okmulgee county for trial, which also failed.

Then attorneys for the Governor filed a demurrer to the indictment, alleging that the facts presented to the grand jury did not warrant the return of the indictment. The court set Monday, November 17, to hear arguments for and against the demurrer, and after argument Monday, overruled the demurrer to the indictment and set December 12 as the day on which the Governor shall stand trial.

## MAY DEPOSIT INDIAN FUNDS OUTSIDE OF OKLAHOMA

A bill which will permit the Government to deposit tribal funds of the Osage Indians, the richest people per capita in the world, in banks outside of Oklahoma has been introduced in Congress.

The tribe has an income of about \$50,000,000 a year, and after payment to the competitors, etc., there is left in money derived largely from oil and gas royalties about \$20,000,000, for which the Government must find depositories. The banks in Oklahoma permitted to share in the deposits now have large amounts of Osage funds, and are not able to qualify for more under the existing regulations.

The increased royalties this year is a result of the phenomenal production of the Burbank field, covering about 12,000 acres, where 706 out of 715 wells drilled are producers.

## BOLD THEFT OF SPARE TIRE COMMITTED HERE

One evening last week Mr. and Mrs. Dan Swinney called upon Sam Swinney and family on N. Fourth avenue, leaving their car parked in front. About ten o'clock that night they started their car to return home, when they missed the spare tire off the back end of their car. Footprints were found in the street nearby, as well as tracks of another car which had driven up, apparently by the thief. They and their neighbors recalled hearing a car drive up about 9:30 o'clock, stop for a moment and drive on. It was probably the thief's car which they heard. Thieves in Durant are growing exceedingly bold.

## OFFICIAL FIGURES GIVE WALTON 49,887 MAJORITY

Official tabulations of the State Election Boards give Jack Walton a majority of 49,887 votes over John Fields in the Governor's race, this being by far the largest majority by which any candidate for any office has been elected in Oklahoma.

Mr. Walton's bonus bill was defeated by 4,976 votes according to certified official figures of the election board.

## LANDSLIDE OF 30 YEARS AGO

Thirty years ago this month, November 1, 1892, occurred the great Democratic landslide defeating President Harrison and the Republican Party, and electing Grover Cleveland President of the United States for a second time. It was Cleveland's second, but not consecutive term, as President. Cleveland carried every doubtful state including such staunch G. O. P. strongholds as Illinois and Wisconsin. Then came the world's fair year, a chain of banks blew up in Illinois, and the great panic of 1893 was on, resulting in almost 10 years of hard times. We are better off today than we were 30 years ago.—Capper's Weekly.

## RECORD CAR SHORTAGE

A shortage of 152,044 cars, the largest in railroad history, is reported by the car service division of the American Railway Association, October 15. The previous record was in September, 1920, and was 6,000 cars less. Purchase of equipment by railroads will not cure this evil. In addition to larger equipment what is needed is greater storage capacity, and a better distribution of shortage facilities.

## THE NEWS ISSUES EARLY FOR THANKSGIVING

In order that the employees may have opportunity of observing Thanksgiving day, the News is issued early this week. For this reason several of our news letters from over the county have necessarily been omitted, but these will be published next week, as will other news articles of interest which the early issue excludes this week.

All bad colds are just about the same, but many people insist on describing their symptoms every time they have one.

## FOOTBALL FANS EXPECT TO WIN

### Dope Seems To Give Locals Advantage Over Ada Team In Game Held Here Turkey Day.

As the News goes to press, (pretty early Thanksgiving day morning) the town is painted red, white, blue and other colors in preparation for the annual football battle to be staged here Thanksgiving Day afternoon at Legion Park, between the Durant and Ada Teachers College football teams.

They pulled off an enthusiasm party Wednesday evening—the local college students did—and in that party they did everything from literally paint every show window in town to build bon fires and shoot anvils.

Folks who came down town early Wednesday morning, found all sorts of slogans painted on their windows, all having to do with the great defeat which Durant is expected to administer to Ada Thursday afternoon. This was only a starter—for the real blowout came Wednesday evening, when the peaceably inclined residents thought that the roemont had broken loose sure enough.

If pep and enthusiasm and noise will win a football game, Durant could clean up on Walter Camp's All-American team without a bit of trouble, for the local fans are sure long on the pep. But, actually winning is another matter.

Here are the facts as the News sporting writer views them. Ada and Durant Colleges are about the same size and located in towns of about the same size, with about the same number of students from which to select a football team. Both teams have full sized men, all experienced at the game, and both teams under the direction of competent coaches. If comparative scores are worth anything, Durant has the edge, for the locals have defeated with the greatest ease, teams which took all that Ada had to offer. Our dope is that Durant should win from Ada by at least twenty-five points. Dope don't always work in football, and they upset it somewhere every football day of the season.—But that's our dope just the same.

Should Durant beat Ada, as we feel sure she will, we will have clean title to a game with the fast Phillips University team of Enid for the State championship. Durant can beat Phillips if she sets her head—why? Because she has as big a team, as experienced players, as efficient coaching, as good team work, and a will-to-win that is not excelled anywhere. Durant's 1922 team can give any football team from anywhere a real battle.

## OFFER REWARD FOR CRAZY MAN WHO KILLED BROTHER

### Albert Guthrie Still At Large Ten Days After Shooting

Although Albert Guthrie, aged 30, deliberately shot his own brother, Dexter aged 20, at their home near Silo Monday, November 30 and calmly walked from the house, and although many officers and volunteers have scoured the country for miles around, he has eluded capture successfully for ten days and was still at large Wednesday noon of this week.

Sheriff Taylor posted a reward of \$25.00 Tuesday for the capture of Guthrie, hoping that the added incentive would cause adjoining county and precinct officers to redouble their efforts to get him.

Although believed insane when he committed the act that cost his own brother his life, Guthrie seems endowed with superhuman cunning for no living person is known to have seen or heard of him since the fatal shooting November 20th. Various reports of his presence in different localities, after being run down have proved to be false alarms.

It is believed that Guthrie is still heavily armed and is probably dangerously insane, and that he is likely to show up somewhere else at any time and commit some further acts of violence.

## A FISHING LICENSE IS THE NEXT THING IN LINE

The State Game Warden, Ben Watt, is asking the forthcoming legislature to make a law requiring people who want to fish to have a license just the same as those who want to hunt, and he is said to already be promising that the law will be passed. He wants to combine the fishing and hunting license into one license to cost residents \$1.25, the present price of the hunting license alone.

## BIG REWARDS TO BREAK UP CAR THEFTS

Someone recently stole a Ford coupe from the son of E. W. Marland, millionaire Ponca City oil man, who promptly offered \$1,000 reward for the return of the car and conviction of the thief, a sum much in excess of the value of the car. Asked why he offered such a reward, Mr. Marland said that he wanted to make it sufficiently interesting that a lot of officers will try to catch the thief. He believes that such a plan will tend to break up so much car stealing.

An Ohio man whose wife sued him for a divorce because he did not kiss her for 30 days explained that he could never catch her with her mouth shut.

## HOSPITAL AGAIN OPENED AFTER A DISAGREEMENT

### Institution Will Probably Sell Under Foreclosure of Mortgage Soon

The Durant Memorial Hospital, which was closed for a few days last week, owing to disagreements arising between the superintendent and the directors, was reopened again early this week, and began to fill rapidly with patients. The directors at a special meeting held last Saturday night, received bids from several sources for the use of the hospital for sixty days, and the result was that the bid of the Bryan County Medical Association was best bidder and is now in control of the institution. The hospital, according to the agreement, is open to the practice of all county physicians and surgeons.

The interest on the \$18,000 loan against the hospital is past due since November 24, and the directors decided to let the property sell under foreclosure, which will be done shortly. This is the reason for the short time lease given on the property to the Medical Association.

After the mortgage is satisfied, with interest and costs and other liens paid off against the equipment in the institution, it is believed to be very doubtful if the stockholders will get anything whatever out of their original investment in the institution's stock.

## TEST CASE ON PAYING INDIANS TO BE MADE

Whether or not deposits of Indian money in Oklahoma banks that have failed shall be paid prior to and before other depositors are satisfied will be argued before the Supreme Court of the United States on Jan. 2.

About \$20,000,000 of Indian money is deposited in banks in Oklahoma. The Government took the position that these deposits in a failed State bank should be paid before any other claims.

## SILBOY SHOT BY BROTHER DIES AS RESULT OF WOUND

Dexter Guthrie, 20-year-old Silo young man, died at the Durant Memorial Hospital last Thursday night, of wounds inflicted when he was shot by his brother, Albert, aged 30, Monday evening, November 20. It was at first thought the young man would recover, but complications set in and he could not survive. At last reports, the brother who did the shooting, was still at large. He is said to have once been an inmate of an insane asylum and was believed to have been insane when he shot his younger brother.

The strangest part about it is that the victim of the grade crossing is usually a person who should have known better.

## FRANCE PLANS TO OCCUPY RUHR

### Seize Territory January 1st To Guarantee Payment of Indemnities Which Germans Won't Pay

According to reports from Paris Marshall Ferdinand Foch, on instructions from the French cabinet, is planning to invade Germany and seize the rich Ruhr basin territory on the left bank of the Rhine on January 15, to insure payment of indemnities due from Germany under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.

The allies have granted Germany a moratorium until that date upon further payments to the allies, and France, believing that Germany is able but unwilling to pay, plans to force payments immediately when the moratorium expires. The allies have been advised of France's intended action, the dispatch adds. The French press received with great enthusiasm the announcement from the cabinet, and the French people seem to think that they are just not getting what has been due them for a long while.

The dispatches of the same day tell of a new triple alliance being formed between Germany, Russia and Turkey, ostensibly for economic purposes, but really for purposes of conquest, according to the charge of former French Premier Clemenceau, who is in the United States making speeches at this time.

In his speech at Chicago the same night Clemenceau charges that Germany has been making preparations for another French invasion ever since the ink was still wet on the armistice. He says that allied high commission of military control has unearthed hundreds of caches of immense military supplies, including guns, machine guns, millions of rounds of ammunition, big guns, gas masks, bayonets, etc. He says the French people all understand that sooner or later Germany will again invade France and attempt to regain lost territory and prestige and seek as her ultimate goal a conquest of all Europe.

## M. E. GOODING SUSTAINS SERIOUS INJURY IN FALL

M. E. Gooding sustained serious injuries Monday morning, when a ladder on which he was preparing to descend from the platform of his lumber shed, slipped, throwing him to the ground. He landed on his left heel, and the sum of injuries received was the fracture of the heel bone and the lower end of the big bone of the lower leg, a dislocation of the ankle, and a bad sprain of the big tendon. He was taken to the Memorial Hospital where the injuries were repaired, and he is getting along as well as could be expected at this time.

## MARSHALL COUNTY FARMER CHARGED WITH CAR THEFT

### G. E. Lynn To Have Preliminary Hearing Here December 19.

Some surprise was occasioned in Madill early this week when G. E. Lynn, well to do Marshall county farmer, was arrested on a Bryan county warrant charging him with theft of an automobile. He is said to have had in his possession a Ford touring car identified as the car stolen from the Stewart Mill and Grain Company here several weeks ago. Reports say that Lynn is one of the biggest land owners in Marshall county.

Lynn brought to Durant by Deputy Etchieson and Howard who made the arrest and quickly furnished bond in the sum of \$750 after filing of information, but declined to discuss his arrest at all. Mr. Lynn employed Attorney W. E. Utterback of this city to defend him.

It was later announced that a preliminary hearing will be held for the defendant before Justice Archibald here on December 19th.

## HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alberti, of Long Beach, California, have been here the past week visiting Mrs. Alberti's sister, Mesdames Fred J. Harle and Dr. J. B. Smith. They leave Monday for their home.

## SHOT IN THE HEAD AND DIDN'T KNOW IT

Dud Self of Boswell got shot in the head and didn't know it until a few minutes later, according to stories circulating here this week. Self and others were hunting and Self seemed to be in range when another hunter sought to shoot a bird or something with a load of bird shot. Self said he had a sensation much the same as if some one had hit him in the head with a rock or a stick, and later on when blood was found on his coat he realized that he had been entirely within range and had been shot. He was brought to the Durant Memorial Hospital here Monday and an X-ray examination showed seven bird shot imbedded in his head between the scalp and the skull, which were removed. In addition to this a couple more perforated his right ear. He went home after the shot were removed, and save for considerable soreness in the back of his head, didn't appear much worse for the wear.

## BRYAN COUNTY COURT CLERK GETS FEDERAL APPOINTMENT

Lacy Grimes, court clerk of Bryan county, whose term of county office expires January 1, 1923, has been appointed by Federal Judge R. L. Williams, as deputy clerk of the Federal Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, with offices at Muskogee. The new position is to begin for Lacy when his present term of office expires here, it is reported.

A testimonial to the efficiency of Mr. Grimes as a court clerk was a report of the State Examiner and Inspector on the occasion of the check up of his office, when a balance was struck to a cent, and when the examiner said there was not a better managed office in the State.

## FAMILY REUNION AT MEAD

Mrs. Dr. Austin gave a twelve o'clock luncheon at her home at Mead last Sunday in honor of her two brothers, Guss and Orrick Hampton who were leaving for California this week owing to the recent death of their father, J. P. Hampton. Only the nearest relatives of the family were invited, which were Mesdames J. A. Bourne of Pirtle, Frank Talley of Silo and Edmond Jefferson of Brown and families with Guss Hampton of Los Angeles, California and Orrick Hampton the younger brother who is returning home with him to complete his education.

This gathering was somewhat in the form of a family reunion as all the children of the late J. P. Hampton were present except the eldest son who is pastor of the Nazarene church at Deming New Mexico. Mr. Hampton's wife died at Kenefick about three years ago.

## NO CHANGE INSIDE

To prove that "front" makes the man Chicago barbers picked Bill Hayes out of the gutter and gave him a shave, a shampoo, a haircut, bath, massage, and a new outfit of clothes; then a fine dinner, a little pocket money and a job. When they got through with Bill they had transformed him into a Beau Brummel.

They improved Bill's outside, but his inside remained the same old Bill. He didn't show up for the job. Later he was found by the police, dead drunk. You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.—Capper's Weekly.

## LESS MONEY, PRICES HIGHER

Money in circulation throughout the country November 1 was \$4,570,280,827—or \$41.44 for each man, woman and child. The money supply influences prices only partly. For instance, money in circulation now is a billion dollars less than a year ago, but prices of commodities are higher. Cost of living, the country over, now averages about 56 per cent higher than before the war, tho the amount of money in circulation for each of us is only 20 per cent higher.—Capper's Weekly.

All we've got to say about it is that if the ex-kaiser's recent marriage doesn't turn out well neither party will get much sympathy in this country.

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